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The Navy's Education for Seapower study and subsequent report is well known across the university campus, but its recommendations may also serve as a catalyst for opportunity. Paired with the guidance of senior Navy leaders and the school's long-term plan, NPS officials are capitalizing on a perfect opportunity to invest in its Monterey campus, and potentially beyond it.

MONTEREY, Calif. (NPS) – A comprehensive study and subsequent report released by the Department of the Navy in late 2018 is proving to be a significant opportunity for Monterey's Naval Postgraduate School (NPS).

Titled the Education for Seapower study, or E4S, senior leaders across the Navy and Marine Corps are now implementing recommendations from this comprehensive analysis of naval education. Paired with the guidance of senior Navy leaders and the school's long-term plan, NPS officials are capitalizing on a perfect opportunity to invest in its Monterey campus, and potentially beyond it.

“The alignment of the Navy’s E4S study, the guidance of our senior leadership, and our own 2018-2023 NPS Strategic Plan created an opportunity to advance our mission of graduate education and research,” said NPS President retired Vice Adm. Ann Rondeau. “We must work swiftly to capitalize on this outstanding opportunity to invest in the education and research facilities that support our innovative students and faculty.”

Some of these efforts are already underway, with the university securing financial support to invest in its Energy and Energetics Laboratory Complex, a collection of four labs focused on varied engineering and applied science disciplines in operation since the 1960s.

The university is also exploring the potential for near-term growth in responding to another key component of the Navy’s strategic vision ... external partnerships. Across DOD, a priority has been placed on partnerships between the military, academia and industry in our efforts to solve national security’s most challenging problems, and fast-track innovative solutions to the warfighter.

With this in mind, NPS is currently exploring the option of leasing a facility in the immediate Monterey Peninsula region that could support its academic and research endeavors, although the institution will likely not be able to fully execute on the initiative until the end of the current fiscal year, Rondeau said.

“This additional space is absolutely imperative to our ability to partner with our industry and university peers,” Rondeau added. “We seek a place where we can explore the boundaries of the art of the possible with our colleagues in academia and industry, a place where innovation is nurtured and cultivated. This is the environment our students and faculty, and our Navy, deserves.”